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SUBJECT: DENKTASH PROPOSAL FOR REOPENING OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL
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FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF DENKTASH PROPOSAL FOR REOPENING
OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PRESENTED AT JANUARY 20
MEETING:

1. AIRPORT WOULD BE REOPENED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC
BY TWO COMMUNITIES WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ICAO.
(CLERIDES EMPHATICALLY STATED GREEK CYPRIOTS' DESIRE
FOR UN PARTICIPATION IN AIRPORT REOPENING, INCLUDING OVER-
ALL SUPERVISION.)

2. AIRPORT WOULD BE REOPENED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS
AD HOC ARRANGEMENT PENDING GENERAL SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD
BE REOPENED SOLELY FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC, INCLUDING UN
FLIGHTS (CLERIDES ACCEPTED THIS POINT).

3. GREECE, TURKEY, AND UK (IF IT SO DESIRES) WOULD FORM
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"CONTROL COMMITTEE" TO INSURE THAT NO CHANGES ARE INTRO-

DUCED TO AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS. IMPLICATION WAS THAT CONTROL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN AIRPORT SUPERVISION. (CLERIDES REFUSED TO AGREE, STATING THAT THIS GUARANTOR ROLE COULD NOT BE SUBSUMED UNDER ANY EXISTING TREATY. CLERIDES REITERATED DESIRE FOR ICAO TO FILL SUPERVISORY FUNCTION.)

4. AIRPORT WOULD OPERATE UNDER SUPERVISION OF TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, ONE FROM EACH COMMUNITY, AND BOARD COMPOSED OF EQUAL NUMBER OF GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS. (CLERIDES AGAIN ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ONE FROM EACH COMMUNITY, UNDER GENERAL ICAO SUPERVISION.)

5. DENKTASH CALLED FOR UNRESOLVABLE DIFFERENCES TO BE REFERRED TO GUARANTOR CONTROL GROUP. (CLERIDES SAID THIS UNACCEPTABLE AND UNNECESSARY; DIFFERENCES COULD EASILY BE RESOLVED BY ICAO.)

6. UNDER DENKTASH FORMULATION, PASSPORT, CUSTOMS, AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIESWF EACH OF WHICH WOULD HAVE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT AIRPORT. (CLERIDES DID NOT EXPLICITLY REJECT THIS BUT PROPOSED THAT THESE SERVICES BE HANDLED BY ICAO IN CONSULTATION WITH TWO COMMUNITIES.)

7. DENKTASH ADVOCATED BUDGET AND REVENUE QUESTIONS BE SETTLED BY BOARD PROPOSED ABOVE. (CLERIDES RETURNED TO DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR CONCEPT WITH ICAO RESOLVING DIFFERENCES.)

8. DENKTASH CALLED FOR AIRPORT TERMINAL ENTRANCES AND EXITS TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF GUARANTOR POWERS. (CLERIDES REBUTTED THAT THESE FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE UNDER UN CONTROL.)

9. DENKTASH ADVOCATED PRESENT MILITARY POSITIONS AROUND AIRPORT BE MAINTAINED (CLERIDES EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR CREATION OF NEUTRAL AREA. (UNCLEAR WHETHER HE CALLING FOR MILITARY WITHDRAWALS: UN POLAD DOES NOT THINK THIS IN THE CARDS. POLAD THINKS CLERIDES RE-
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SPONSE WAS RELATED TO DENKTASH PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 8 ABOVE.)

10. ACCORDING WECKMANN, DENKTASH STATED THAT AIRPORT REOPENING SHOULD HAVE NO ADVERSE AFFECT ON TREATY OF ESTABLISHMENT. (POLAD HAD NO INFORMATION ON PROPOSAL. STRIKES US AS STRANGE THAT TURKS WOULD RAISE ISSUE SINCE TREATY OF ESTABLISHMENT GIVES UK RIGHT TO TAKE OVER AND OPERATE

AIRPORT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.)

11. DENKTASH CALLED FOR FIR TO BE RECONSTITUTED AS PART OF AIRPORT REOPENING. COMMUNITIES WOULD HAVE EQUAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES. THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD PROVIDE FLIGHT INFORMATION TO "LOCAL AIRPORTS." TURKISH EMPLOYEES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FLIGHTS LANDING AT TYMBOU AND KRINI; GREEKS FOR FLIGHTS TO LARNACA AND PAPHOS.

12. DENKTASH SAID THAT IF AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED LOCAL PERSONNEL WERE AVAILABLE TO MAN FIR, EITHER COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO RECRUIT "INTERNATIONALLY." (CLERIDES STRESSED THAT RECRUITMENT SHOULD BE LOCALLY ONLY, WITH ICAO FILLING ANY VACANCIES.)

13. CO-CHAIRMEN (PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE) WOULD DIRECT AIRPORT BOARD MEETINGS ON ROTATING BASIS. DIFFERENCES WOULD BE RESOLVED BY GUARANTOR CONTROL COMMITTEE. IMPLICATION IS THAT ALL DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. (CLERIDES REITERATED GREEK POSITION THAT ICAO SHOULD RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.)

14. COMMENT: CLERIDES' RESPONSES WERE AD HOC AND WILL BE REFINED INTO A PAPER WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24. IN GENERAL, HE STUCK CLOSELY TO GENERAL AGREEMENT WE HAD PROPOSED EARLIER, I. E., ICAO TO SUPERVISE, PRECISE PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES TO BE LEFT IN ABEYANCE, SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN GENERAL SETTLEMENT. TURKISH PROPOSAL MADE NO REFERENCE TO OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS SEPTTEL.

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